

cost in discomfort to themselves, in privation, and the same thing must apply to us.

I want to make it quite clear to you what the basis of this new Administration will be. I am prepared to answer any question that it may be in my power to answer, but as you will understand, there are many questions I am not in a position to answer until I have consulted my colleagues. I have given you very fairly and very frankly my own views of the only way in which this War has got to be won. If it is a national war, everyone must contribute, and it is on that basis alone we shall be able to achieve a great triumph."

Then came the process of cross-examination to which I have alluded.

In reply to a question as to the position Labour would take in Peace Negotiations, when the time for such negotiations arrived, *Labour* ~~**~~ I said it seemed inconceivable that *any* Minister should make terms of Peace without consulting the representatives of Labour.

In reply to a question as to whether the policy of prosecuting small papers for expressing opinions was to be continued, *whUe* the larger papers were allowed to say what they liked, I said that I stated in the House about a week ago that personally I would treat Lord Northcliffe in exactly

the same way as I would treat a
labourer, and that
if Northcliffe were guilty of a breach of
the Defence
of the Realm Act, I would certainly
take exactly
the same action as I would in the case of
a labourer.
I thought that there ought not to be any
distinction,
and that, if a Government were not
administered